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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON SEEKING REGIONAL SUPPORT TO
STOP FLOW OF FOREIGN FIGHTERS TO IRAQ

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Classified By: POLITICAL MINISTER COUNSELOR JOSIAH ROSENBLATT FOR REASO
NS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

[11](#). (S) Reftel demarche was delivered on July 3 to Gilles Bonnaud, MFA PDAS-equivalent for Middle East affairs. Bonnaud commented that he was not surprised that Damascus had failed to demonstrate the good will it offered at Sharm Al Shayk. He agreed to consider the request to conduct a joint demarche with the U.S. in targeted Arab capitals.

[12](#). (S) COMMENT: Because Paris is currently considering whether (and how) to step up political and diplomatic engagement with Damascus, we think it unlikely the GOF would join a bilateral demarche at the present time. On the EU level, however, they may not oppose such an effort.

[13](#). (S) COMMENT CONT'D: The GOF is extremely concerned about foreign fighters going to Iraq from France and has been very active in working to dismantle local cells that recruit or provide material support to individuals seeking to go to Iraq. Through intelligence channels, France continues to seek further information from the U.S. on French-origin foreign fighters captured or otherwise identified in Iraq.
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